

Harris Parcell Retires From Heber City Fire Department



Harris Parcell retired from the Wasatch County Fire Department last week, after 18 years as a volunteer fireman.

After 18 years as a volunteer fireman in Wasatch County, Harris Parcell retired September 1st.

He said he won't miss the fires, but he will miss the association with the other firemen. He said the group is like a fraternity.

"It's a good bunch of men," he said. "It's been a good experience and I've enjoyed it."

"Harris has been a good person to have. We're going to miss him," said Clyde Montgomery, secretary of the volunteer firemen's association. He said when their beepers go off, most of the firemen head for the fire.

"But not Harris," he said. "He makes sure those engines are out before he goes anywhere. That's his first stop."

"For quite a few years, it's been his responsibility to look after the fire engines — make sure the tires were up, the battery checked, the oil in the engines, and that they were all fueled and ready to go. You've got to have somebody pretty responsible for that."

Mr. Parcell was assistant fire chief for three years and has served on almost every committee in the department, Mr. Montgomery reported.

One of the worst fires in Mr. Parcell's memory was in 1972, when the Safeways store, which he managed, burned down. He said no one knew how it started, but oil in the floors fed it. He said it had been oiled at least once a month, for over

15 years.

The alarm "was turned in at 5:00 a.m. ... When my wife said it was the store, I didn't even stop to put on my coveralls. I just grabbed them and put them on as I went."

"We didn't dare go in the front door and we went around and broke in the back door, and that whole back room was just absolutely all gone," he said.

Fire crews from Summit and Utah Counties helped fight the fire which took about three hours to control, he said, but the building couldn't be saved. In fact, people began moving things out of neighboring businesses, which were threatened, but the crews were able to keep it from spreading.

He also recalls the coldest he ever got at a fire, when the water had to be pumped from a reservoir to fight flames in a Wallsburg home one December.

"We couldn't get the hose to suck water and I just said, 'to heck with it' ... I just grabbed the hose and took off out into the water... When I got home, my clothes were frozen on me," he said.

Mr. Parcell was born in Wallsburg and graduated from Wasatch County High School. He worked at

Safeways in Heber for four years, then managed the store for 35 years, and retired in July 1984.

After retirement, he and his wife, Phyllis, went on a mission to Akron, Ohio, for the LDS Church and now work at the temple two mornings a week. He enjoys gardening at his Heber City home and two other pieces of land, where he grows alfalfa, grain, and vegetables, most of which he gives away.

He has been an LDS bishop and councilman, High Priest Group Leader, and member of the High Council. He said he had to leave church meetings many times to go fight a fire, but everyone knew he had to go and didn't complain about it.

He also has been on the county school board and a member of the Lions and Rotary Clubs.

At 67 years old, Mr. Parcell says he is still capable of fighting fires, and feels badly that his time of service has been terminated. He said he didn't retire at 65 because he was given an extension when he went on his mission.

But he assured that the fire department "has a lot of good young men, who are dedicated and qualified."

d spend the time.

Besides having a keen interest in the job, I also think I'm qualified. I am a firm believer in education. I am a librarian by profession, having received a Master's Degree in Library Science. I am on the Middle School Alternatives Planning Committee and have had the opportunity of traveling to various parts of the state to observe first- and other educational alternatives. I've attended many education workshops and seminars to increase my knowledge regarding the problems facing our school's today. I have four school age children of my own attending our schools at the elementary, middle and high school levels. I care about the educational opportunities afforded my children and yours.

I have lived in Heber Valley for the past 17 years. I attended schools in California through the junior college level, so I think I can offer a fresh approach to education here. Since I have participated in other educational systems and thereby can possibly offer a different point of view to the problems facing our district. I would appreciate your report.

**Glade Luke
School Board
District 4**

help in community activities. I have supported many groups and individual youth school activities, both financially and physically.

I fully believe the success of our community depends on the education and success of our youth. I would very much like to serve on the school board and represent our area in the success and accomplishments of our county schools. I would very much appreciate your vote and support in the upcoming election.

**John Price
School Board
District 4**

I am running for the office of school board member in District 4. I am greatly interested in the school system since I have eight children enrolled in the public schools in grades kindergarten through high school.

I know the responsibility and work involved in being a board member, and pledge my continued time and effort to the people of the District. Not everyone agrees on all issues of education, but I am willing to listen and voice the opinions of those I represent.

My wife, Brenda Probst Price, and I are lifelong residents of Wasatch County, and have served in various leadership positions in the church and community. My brother, Jay, and I, along with our families, own and operate a large dairy farm in the Midway-Charleston area.

I have enjoyed the short time I

An accredited educator with several years experience as a classroom teacher, and as a substitute teacher in Wasatch County in every school, in every level, and in every discipline except boys' physical education.

Willingness to spend time and energy necessary to be a contributing member of the board in solving our problems.

Valuable experience as a wife/mother of 12 "my," "his," "our" children, enabling me to be objective.

Successful team worker, in a three teacher team situation with mother/father volunteers.

Proven worker including five years on a state board for a political party in addition to countless hours each year in church, public and private community service.

A record of success in meeting challenges, in solving problems, in completing tasks.

What I have learned from my experience in Wasatch County: There are some good programs, some qualified teachers where students are excited because they are learning. There are too many classrooms where lack of discipline and/or misdirection results in boredom and confusion.

I think I know what constitutes a sound educational program, and desire to work with fellow board members to implement such a program in Wasatch County. If you have questions, call 654-0655.

Tonya Peacock

sible for monitoring state agencies that serve persons with developmental disabilities. This gubernatorial appointed council is advocacy oriented.

My experience comes from working with people and the local, state, and federal programs that serve them. I oversee a combined private, local, state, and federal budget of 1.1 million dollars. In conjunction with this position, I help develop state and federal legislation, monitor and evaluate grants, serve on state personnel screening committees, chair a legislative task force, and provide input on state budgets, policies, and programs.

Midway has been home since 1978. Our move was partially influenced by the strong emphasis that Utah places on the family. The education of our two sons is very important to Robert and I.

Our concern led to interest and involvement in the schools. I soon learned of the educational needs and challenges by working in the Wasatch County Schools as a parent volunteer, serving on parent councils, working on school district committees, and working as a registered lobbyist focusing on educational legislation and budgets.

I have been involved in curriculum development, staffing and guidance, program and budget construction for an alternative school and a youth in custody program. I've faced the needs and limited funds. I've prioritized those needs and met program goals. I have the